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Two charged over bouncy castle death

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TWO fairground workers from Wilburton have been charged over the death of a 7-year-old girl who was fatally injured on a bouncy castle.

Summer Grant died after she was hurt while playing on the inflatable which was swept "some distance" at a funfair in Harlow, Essex, on March 26, 2016.

The young girl was taken to the nearby Princess Alexandra Hospital but died a few hours later.

Shelby Thurston, 25, and William Thurston, 28, both fairground employees, were arrested in connection with the investigation.

More than a year after Summer's death, the pair have been charged with manslaughter by "gross negligence".

They are also accused of failing to discharge a general health and safety duty under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Both will appear at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on July 19.

Detectives from Essex Police are continuing their enquiries and are trying to trace a witness who was near the fairground rides at the time of the incident.

He is described as a young black man, believed to be aged in his teens.

Following the tragedy, Summer's mother, Cara Blackie, said she was "truly heartbroken" at the loss of her "bright, beautiful and most loving little girl". Summer's father, Lee Grant, described her as "the most happy, polite and beautiful girl in the world".

Some 200 people paid tribute to Summer, from Norwich, at a vigil held at Harlow Town Park in April last year.

The Health and Safety Executive is also looking into the circumstances of the youngster's death.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101.

TRAGEDY: Summer Grant who died after a bouncy castle incident last year

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THE Cambridge Food & Drink Awards are back for 2017 – and open for business!

We're asking you, our readers, to nominate your favourites in 10 categories, from pub to restaurant, street food to farm shop, producer to chef.

Held in association with The Cambridge Roar – the festival of charity events which raises funds for East Anglian Air Ambulance, Cambridge United Community Trust and city hospice Arthur Rank – the awards are open to all food and drink companies within Cambridge News & Media's circulation area – the city and its surrounding towns and villages.

And you have plenty of time to nominate your favourites: visit *cambridge-news.co.uk/whats-on/food-drink-news/cambridge-food-drink-awards-2017-13078179* before midnight on July 6; nominating takes a matter of minutes.

Designed to give credit where the people of Cambridge consider it due, the categories are:

- Producer of the Year
- Farm Shop/Deli of the Year
- Pub/Bar of the Year
- Tearoom/Coffee Shop of the Year
- Street Food/Pop-up of the Year
- Takeaway of the Year
- Best Newcomer
- Restaurant of the Year
- Chef of the Year
- Food and Drink Hero

Last year saw a record number of nominations – almost 500! – proof, if it were needed, that our corner of the country is a real foodie hot spot.

The three businesses or individuals with the highest number of nominations in each category will make the shortlist.

The winners will then be selected by our panel of independent expert judges, and announced at an elegant afternoon tea party at Quy Mill Hotel & Spa on August 3.

With the area's food and drink offering expanding – and becoming more delicious – by the day, there is plenty to shout about. So go on – get those nominations in.

For more information about the awards visit *cambridge-news.co.uk*.

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ENERGY

Power from sun set to generate cool £1m a year

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SOHAM'S new 12MW solar farm got off to a blistering start on Sunday – generating enough power to put it 13 per cent ahead of its monthly target.

With 45,000 photovoltaic panels across 70 acres, the solar farm will generate enough electricity to supply more than 3,000 homes each year while offsetting the release of 123,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide over its lifetime.

This is the first local authority project in England to receive Contracts for Difference (CfD), a financial incentive for the energy generated, and is set to create an annual revenue of £1 million from an initial investment of £9 million.

Cllr Ian Bates called it an "exciting day for Cambridgeshire County Council" and "one of the few examples where a local authority has taken the initiative".

He continued: "It doesn't happen overnight – you need planning permission, and community involvement and farmers on side and other people on side as well.

"We can save you extra council tax by investing . . . this will generate a million a year, it means quite simply we can keep front-end services that most of you recognise.

"Cambridgeshire County Council is the largest land owner in the county, that is a lot of farmland . . . this is the first but it will not be necessarily the last to have an investment."

Under the council's guarantee contract framework, if the contractors fail to generate enough energy they will either install additional panels or write a cheque for the equivalent amount to the local authority.

Any additional money made from the scheme beyond the projected amount will also go into the county council's coffers. That way it guarantees a return on the council's investment.

And the sweltering weather this week has got the solar project off to a great start, with 76,000kw of energy generated on Sunday alone. That's enough to power 24 houses for a whole year, or boil 76,000 kettles for an hour, and puts the farm ahead of June's monthly target by 13 per cent.

If you were driving a car you'd be able to circumnavigate the earth 21 times with the energy produced in a year.

David Carr, a director of Bouygues, the company which built the site, said on Sunday: "I am delighted to be here and we were delighted to be involved in a project like this.

"This is just the kind of thing we like: it gives our engineers the opportunity to show off what they are capable off.

"Today we have achieved something that is sustainable, that will last an awful long time and that's critical.

"We have worked with a partner [CCC] that is very forward-thinking, it's one of the most forward-thinking organisations I have worked with."

Once the energy is generated from the sun's rays it travels to one of five central inverters which convert 1,000 of DC energy from the solar panels into AC electricity. This then enters the national grid at 43,000 volts.

Once the grass has grown back on the former Grade 3 agricultural land (which makes it unfit for growing crops), sheep will again graze freely, but this time with a rather different view.

POWER HOUSE: The solar farm produced enough energy on the first day to power 24 houses for an entire year
Pictures: Warren Gunn

HOT TOPIC: The solar farm is launched in Soham, from left, Chris Malyon, Paul Raynes and Cllr Ian Bates

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APPEAL

Ely rallies to help tower blaze victims

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ELY College students have started a collection of 'essentials' for the victims of the London Grenfell Tower disaster.

Sixth-form students worried about the long-term welfare of victims of the tragedy are putting the word out for Ely residents to give what they can.

Items such as nappies, sanitary goods, cosmetics and bed linens are being driven to London by English teacher Fleur Patten, 46.

She said: "It's been piling in. The stuff we are collecting is falling into two categories, emergency items like toiletries, nappies and phone chargers and clothes and toys.

"The students wanted to do a long-term thing because we realise a bag of nappies only covers so many days and the sixth-formers are worried about the long term. We don't want to forget about those people."

So far 79 people have been declared dead or missing presumed dead with many more still being treated for the injuries they suffered in the tragedy.

If you would like to donate to the college's collection, you can drop items off in the sixth-form reception in Downham Road during school hours.

Meanwhile, a firefighters' union leader has warned fire brigades from three counties would be needed to tackle a Grenfell-type blaze in Cambridgeshire.

Cameron Matthews, Brigade Secretary at Cambridgeshire Fire Brigades Union, has praised the hundreds of firefighters who tackled the inferno at the tower block in London as the death toll increases.

But he has hit out at fire safety reviews being ignored and has described how a similar blaze in Cambridgeshire would be handled.

Mr Matthews said: "Once again our emergency services were exemplary. In particular, London's heroic frontline firefighters who bravely risked their own lives to save others.

"We also cannot forget the vital role of control operators who fielded dozens of calls from people trapped in the tower.

"However, we now have to ask some uncomfortable but legitimate questions.

"Why did Boris Johnson close 10 London fire stations during his time as mayor? Why did housing minister, now chief of staff to the PM, Gavin Barwell sit on a tower block fire risk safety advice report?

"Why did the Tory government vote down Labour's rented accommodation regulation policy?

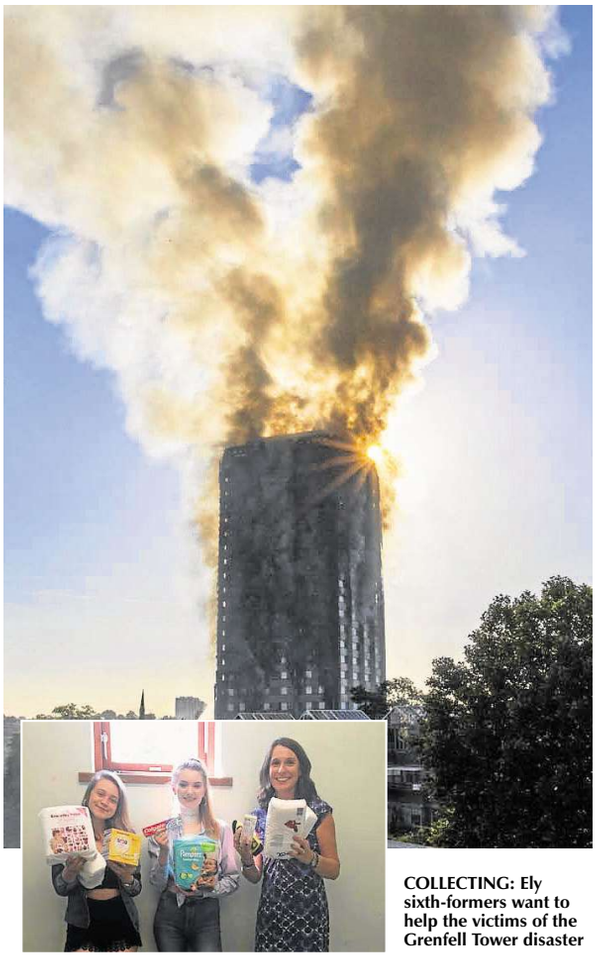
"The inconvenient truth is these are political decisions.

"As a firefighter, I've watched countless reviews following tragic incidents where lessons have not been learnt."

Mr Matthews added: "It took 45 fire engine crews in London to tackle the Grenfell Tower block fire. So what would we do in Cambridge today?

"First, we would need every single fire engine in Cambridgeshire that is normally available on a day-to-day basis. Then we would need to speak to our neighbours in both Norfolk and Suffolk to ask for the same; every crewed fire engine they normally have available.

"Only then would we have the same necessary level of resources as London needed to attend such a tower block fire."



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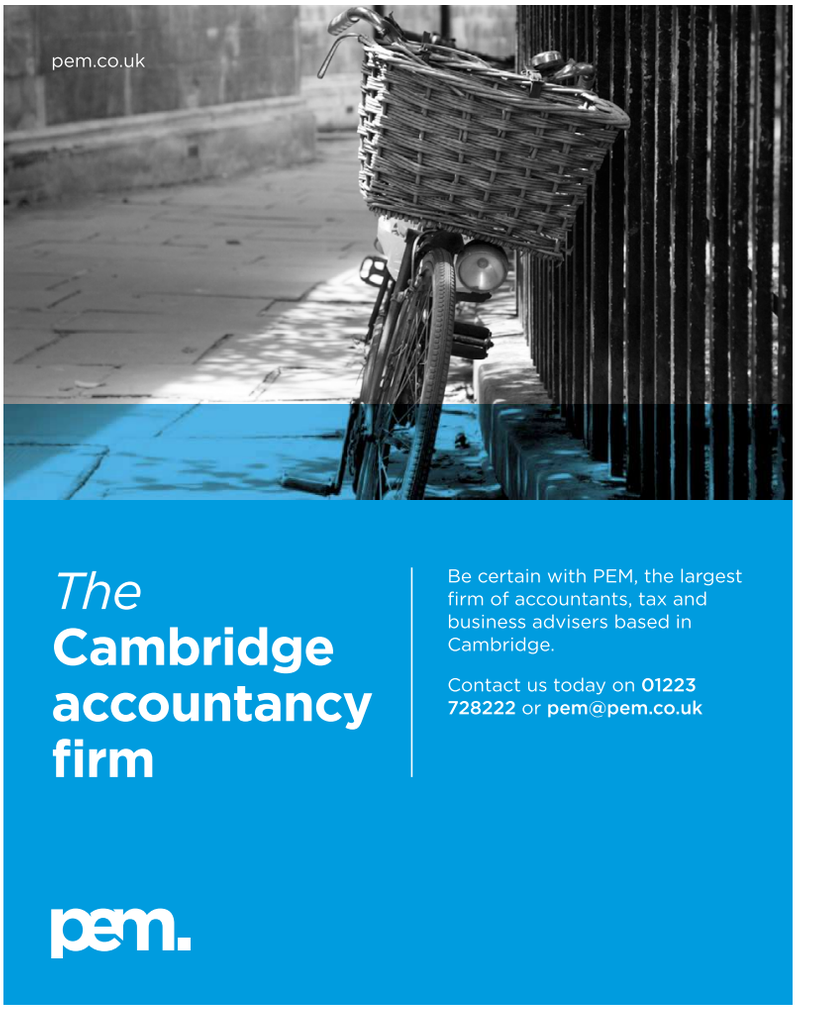

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Classic day for car fans

A FLEET of vintage cars was on display in Ely on Sunday in Prickwillow Museum's Classic and Vintage Car Show.

The annual event showcases popular and rare cars, dating from before 1979, with a trophy awarded to the best car in show.

As well as the car show, the museum ran its large rare pumping engines throughout the day.

Prickwillow Museum tells the story of the drainage of the Fens, the history of the local area, and the people who ran the drainage pumps in remote locations.

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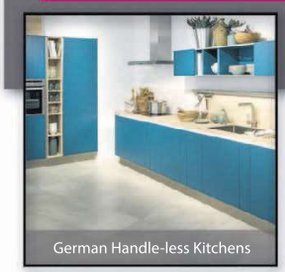
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Abuse of our older people

FOLLOWING World Elder Abuse Awareness Day last Thursday, it is worth noting that according to academic research, some 4,533 older people in Cambridgeshire are being abused by those closest to them – whether friends, families or carers.

And a further unknown number suffer in some care homes and hospital wards too.

That this should be happening to people at this stage in their lives is nothing short of a national scandal.

And, as was once the case with child abuse, it is not taken seriously by our courts.

Our analysis shows that despite an estimated 413,500 people aged 65 or over in England and Wales experiencing some form of abuse each year in 2015/16 there were just 3,012 successful criminal convictions. This means it is likely that 99 per cent of those who abuse older people are not being punished.

This is a situation that cannot be allowed to continue and if we are to halt this epidemic of elder abuse, it is about time the punishment started to fit the crime. For this reason, Action on Elder Abuse is campaigning for abuse of older people to be classed as an aggravated offence, so the police and our justice system are forced to take it more seriously.

Gary FitzGerald
Action on Elder Abuse
London

How we treat the soil is key

POLITICS apart, the three great issues of the day are biodiversity loss, desertification and climate change.

The biological cycles underlying life on earth have been thrown out of balance and planet Earth cannot hope to make inroads on any one of them without addressing all of them.

So as reassuring as it is that finally some of our politicians are now talking openly about climate change, they seem to have failed to recognise that it is so much more than that.

The twin problems of soil degradation and erosion have plagued humanity since the dawn of modern agriculture.

Although these problems are mostly of our own making and can be solved, politicians and indeed the media, don't seem to take them as seriously as volatile financial markets, climate change or any number of other social challenges.

And yet, how we treat the land, how we treat the soil is fundamental to the health and survival of modern civilisation.

The soil has the capacity to save us if farmed in a regenerative way. By relying on annual plants such as wheat for our staple foods we are causing hundreds of millions of acres of land to be ploughed or sprayed with herbicides etc.

Hundreds of millions of acres of forest, savanna and prairie have been eradicated and more is cleared each year to make way for annual plants –- plants that are not only destroying our ecosystem but the health of people and animals.

And at this scale, ecosystem destruction has immense consequences.

The social challenges that we face in the UK and indeed across the world, important as they are, pale into insignificance if we don't deal with our environmental challenges.

Added to this the connections run deep. Improving our soils by whatever means, not chemical, allows for the sequestration of carbon; plants and animals produced from improved soils are healthier and improving the health of the nation places less of a burden on our NHS and so on.

Somewhat simplistic but surely it makes sense to embrace preventative measures rather than reactive solutions that in the long run exacerbate the destroying of our ecosystem.

And interestingly, if not worryingly, our new environment minister is in the "camp" of the climate change sceptics.

Kate Travers
High St
Sutton

Call to boycott horse racing

VIDEO footage taken by a local animal rights group reveals what the racing industry would probably rather remained hidden behind screens – the final moments of a race horse named Tea In Transvaal (IRE) at Newton Abbot on June 5.

Readers may think that such deaths are a rare occurrence, but, in fact, around 200 race horses are killed on British courses each year.

The problem is that race horse deaths are rarely reported in the media.

This is why the footage taken by the Devon Animal Save group is so important. It bears witness to the terrible suffering and fatalities caused by racing.

Only when people have such information will they be able to make up their minds about whether they want to finance racing with their betting money and attendance fees.

We urge the public to show compassion for all the horses hurt or killed on courses or in training, and boycott the races.

Visit Animal Aid's website for more information about horse deaths, and Devon Animal Save's Facebook page to witness the final moments of Tea In Transvaal.

Fiona Pereira
Animal Aid
By email

CRIME

County police force failing to record 7,000 crimes each year

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CONCERNS have been raised after it emerged Cambridgeshire Constabulary fails to record an estimated 7,000 reported crimes each year – including some sexual offences against children.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) has revealed that, while improvements have been made, the force "requires improvement", noting the constabulary is currently under-recording sexual offences (excluding rape) and violence crimes.

According to the 2017 Crime Data Integrity inspection report: "Cambridgeshire Constabulary has made concerted efforts to improve crime-recording accuracy since HMIC's 2014 Crime Data Integrity inspection report. The majority of officers and staff have made progress in placing the victim at the forefront of their crime-recording decisions.

"Work remains to be done, however. Despite advances, based on the findings of our examination of crime reports for the period March 1, 2016, to August 31, 2016, we estimate that the force fails to record over 7,000 reported crimes each year"

Acting Chief Constable (ACC) Dan Vajzovic said: "As HMIC has recognised, we have made a concerted effort to improve the way we record crime accurately since their Crime Data Integrity inspection in 2014, and we continue to put the victims at the heart of our crime recording decisions.

"We have made significant progress against all of the recommendations made in the 2014 report, including introducing new crime-recording processes and establishing the Victim and Witness Hub, which provides support services to all victims of crime – but particularly those who are most vulnerable in our community.

"That said, we recognise there is still more work to do, and we have already put in place systems to ensure crime is reported at the first point of contact, either through an officer at the scene, the force control room or the police service centre (101 calls).

"We continue to look at the most appropriate timing and method of contact we have with victims, depending on both the type of crime they have suffered and their vulnerability, our use of language line to engage with victims for whom English is not their first language, and our collection of diversity data from victims of crime."

The report also says the constabulary had failed to record reports of sexual offences against children and adults. Nearly 9 per cent of reported sex offences were not recorded.

According to the report: "Those failings are significant given the very serious nature of sexual offences and the harm that they cause to their victims.

"We found that the constabulary had failed to record reports of sexual offences against both adults and children. These include offences of inciting children to engage in sexual activity."

An NSPCC spokesman for the East of England told the *News*: "It is concerning that some child sex offences are going unrecorded by Cambridgeshire Police, which could mean vulnerable young victims are being denied the vital support they are entitled to.

"However, overall improvement in recording crimes and supporting vulnerable victims is a positive step that should be built upon.

"Cambridgeshire Police must now act to implement the recommendations of the HMIC's report without delay and ensure victims are at the heart of their determined work to keep us safe."

ACC Vajzovic said: "We record in excess of 58,060 crimes every year in Cambridgeshire and HMIC has said today that more than 88 per cent of those are recorded appropriately and properly.

"While it is of concern that some crimes are being recorded differently and this needs to be addressed, my focus remains firmly on protecting and safeguarding our communities.

"HMIC has recognised Cambridgeshire Constabulary as good for our accuracy in recording crime – which reassures me that we are delivering a good service to our most vulnerable victims.

"They have also recognised us as outstanding for our culture and leadership in crime recording – highlighting our strong governance and the standards and expectations we set for our staff and officers to get it right.

"While there were no specific recommendations made by HMIC, we continue to strive to provide the best service for the people of Cambridgeshire, we take heed of their areas of improvement and are reassured that they can see we are making good progress in the right direction."

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Funeral Service at Ely Methodist Church on Thursday 29th June 2017 at 2.30pm followed by private interment.

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LEE
ANTHONY JAMES
of Littleport

Passed away suddenly on Monday, 12th June, 2017. Beloved husband of Janet, adored father to Victoria and Eleanor, much loved father-in-law to Matt and Ed, and the most special granddad to Tom, Robert, Elise and Georgia.

Funeral service to be held at St. Mary's Church, Ely on Monday 3rd July at 2.45pm followed by cremation at West Suffolk Crematorium.

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SEARCH FOR AIRMAN

NEW ARRIVAL: April Oliver has given birth to Corrie McKeague's baby

Girlfriend of missing Corrie has baby girl

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THE girlfriend of missing serviceman Corrie McKeague has given birth – revealing the news on Father's day.

April Oliver broke the news by posting a picture on Facebook of her beaming at the camera, cradling a newborn girl in her arms.

The sleeping babe can be seen snuggled up on the 21-year-old's chest with her tiny hand outstretched from beneath a blanket.

The birth comes two weeks after April, from Downham Market, was hospitalised over fears stress from the continuing search for Corrie could harm the baby.

She first revealed she was expecting Corrie's baby two weeks after he disappeared.

April, who had been dating the missing RAF gunner for five months before his disappearance, previously posted a black and white picture cradling her bump.

In a poignant message to her then unborn child she wrote: "You bring me so much pain yet just as much joy.

"Your daddy would be so proud of you, my little one, and would love you as much as I do.

"Corrie will be part of both of us forever, no-one can take that away."

Corrie went missing after a night out in Bury St Edmunds on September 23.

Police are currently in week 14 of a search to try and find his body at Milton landfill site.

Airman's mum still confident he is at landfill site as police search continues

THE mum of missing airman Corrie McKeague has described the gruelling process of specialists searching for her son at Milton landfill site.

Nicola Urquhart, 47, is still confident that her son is in the site at Milton, where police have been searching since March, as they are now finding items consistent with where Corrie was last seen.

On the Find Corrie Facebook page, Nicola wrote: "The search at the landfill continues, and will continue.

"At this time Suffolk Police are finding items of rubbish that have either locations and/or dates on them consistent with the rubbish that would have been lifted from Bury St Edmunds on the night Corrie went missing.

"Along with the tachograph and GPS analysis they have carried out – which pinpoints the location of the cab dumping the rubbish into the landfill cell – it shows they are still looking in the right area.

"The process the police are using, without going into too much detail, is they pick an amount of rubbish up with heavy mechanical machinery and then lay it on the ground for the search team police officers to rake through, looking for Corrie, but also looking for items as small as his keys or phone."

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INQUEST

Jet ski tragedy was an accident, jury decides

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A YOUNG woman suffered catastrophic internal injuries in a horrific jet ski collision, an inquest heard.

Beki Hellens, 22, a competent jet-skier from Chatteris, had been out on the water for less than a minute when she was involved in a crash with another rider at South Lake Ski School in Little Paxton.

The impact of the collision threw her off the orange Superjet stand-up jet ski and caused her to suffer "unsurvivable" internal injuries.

Nearly two years after Beki died on July 26, 2015, an inquest has ruled that her death was an accident.

Beki died at Bedford Hospital two hours after the collision, which split her aorta and caused massive blood loss in her chest cavity.

The aorta is the main artery in the human body, originating from the left ventricle of the heart.

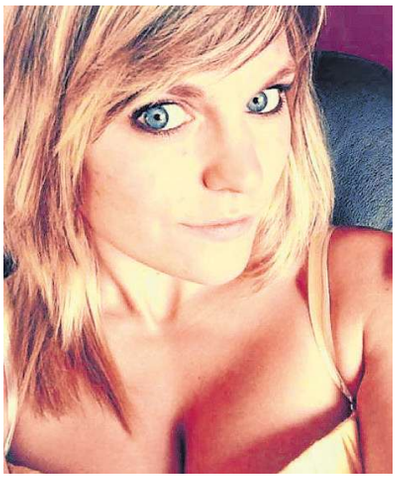
The 10-member jury returned the verdict after hearing how the collision took place on the right-hand side of both jet skis.

The other rider, Nicholas Rudd, was said to have been outside the area marked by the buoys on the five-acre lake. He was described as inexperienced and unaware of the rules he should have followed that day.

Mr Rudd, 43, described the incident as a minor bump and maintained he was travelling behind Beki and that she made a sudden sweeping movement to the left and into his path.

He denied he had ridden up and over Beki's ski and hit her torso rather than the machine.

He said the jet skis "came together on the left and Beki toppled off the back and fell into the water".



INJURIES: Beki Hellens, right, was a competent jet-skier, left

Expert medical evidence and a post mortem report, however, suggested Beki's injury could not have been caused by her simply falling off the back of the jet ski after a minor bump.

Dr Martin Goddard, who carried out the post mortem examination, said the damage to the aorta was caused by "significant force" and that impact had to have come from the front, not the side.

He said the heart valve was "completely split" and the injury, which left four-and-half pints of blood in Beki's lungs, was "incompatible with life".

Earlier in the hearing, the jury was told Beki had only been out on the water for between 20-50 seconds when she and driving instructor Mr Rudd, who was riding a jet ski for the first time that day, collided.

Crash investigator Roderick Pike estimated the combined speed of the jet skis at the time of impact was between 30 to 50 mph.

The jury also heard evidence from Beki's partner, Paul Turner, who broke down when he described how he pulled his fiancée into the shore.

He said: "She had a small mark on her head above her right eye, but her eyes were fixed.

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Zoo reopens with tiger on display

THE rare tiger that mauled a zookeeper to death has been seen for the first time since the tragedy as the park reopened to the public.

Eight-year-old Cicip could be seen basking in the sun inside his large, grassy enclosure at Hamerton Zoo Park on Friday – just metres away from where 33-year-old keeper Rosa King was fatally attacked.

He paid little attention to people who had gathered on the other side of the tall metal fencing at the zoo near Huntingdon.

Attached to the bars of the enclosure was a framed letter from a tiger conservation charity, which thanked Rosa for donating thousands of pounds.

Cicip is one of two Malayan tigers at the park, and lives with 2-year-old female Sahaja.

They are a particularly rare species and according to Hamerton's website, they are the first and only tigers to ever be seen in the UK.

Further circumstances into Rosa's death are yet to be released due to the ongoing investigation between police and Huntingdonshire District Council.

Zoo staff have launched a campaign to build a memorial to Rosa, where visitors could go and pay their respects.

POLICE

Steep rise in terror alert package calls

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A FIVE-FOLD increase in reports of suspicious packages has been recorded in Cambridgeshire since the Manchester terror attack.

The force increased policing and armed officers on patrol in the wake of recent terror attacks in London and at Manchester Arena.

Cambridgeshire police has revealed to the *News* the key sites where they have upped patrols, armed as well as unarmed, over the terror threat.

The locations include Cambridge's Grand Arcade shopping centre, key bridges, late-night pubs and clubs in the city centre, Ely Cathedral and the Imperial War Museum at Duxford.

And the *News* can reveal that a total of 33 suspicious packages have been reported since the attack on Manchester on May 23, compared with six reports from May 1-22.

One of the bomb scares was a sick hoax which happened on the day of the terror attack on London Bridge and Borough Market.

Hoaxers struck in St Ives and triggered a major alert after the suspicious object was found less than five hours before eight people were killed and dozens injured on London Bridge on the night of Saturday, June 3.

Officers cordoned off a telecoms box in Bramley Road, St Ives, before discovering it was a bomb hoax.

The stunt involved plastic bottles taped together to give the appearance of a bomb and was carried out just two days before a suspicious package was destroyed in a controlled explosion in Cambridge city centre on Monday, June 5.

The Cambridge incident began when a briefcase was found abandoned in King's Parade near Great St Mary's Church at about 7.30pm.

Nearby restaurants were evacuated as a result of the bomb scare and a cordon was thrown up around the briefcase.

A bomb disposal unit was called to the scene and carried out the controlled explosion. It was later revealed that the briefcase contained books.

The following day, police announced that the number of armed officers had increased by 50 per cent.

The force also said there would be more armed police on the streets of Cambridge at key locations.

A Cambridgeshire police spokesman said: "Since Manchester and London, there has been a greater police presence at key sites, including Ely Cathedral, Duxford Imperial War Musuem, and the Grand Arcade, which has included armed and unarmed units."

The spokesman added: "There was also greater attention paid to late-licence premises and high footfall bridges in the city centre."

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CHARITY

Company spreading its support

CAMBRIDGESHIRE firm Mick George has provided more than £250,000 to Sue Ryder and Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust as part of its 'Charity of the Year' commitments in the past two years.

And the business is forming a coalition with two major national charities for 2017 – Macmillan Cancer Support and the British Heart Foundation (BHF) – providing backing at a regional level.

To kick-start the initiative, it has pledged £1,500 to each charity, from fundraising at Peterborough United FC and Truckfest.

Leading heart charity BHF has funded cutting-edge research for more than half a century, but still faces challenges in fighting coronary heart disease.

Nigel Cole, fundraising manager, said: "Everyone here at BHF is excited about working with Mick George. We are looking forward to exploring the synergy between two top brands in their respective fields and hopefully having lots of fun on the way."

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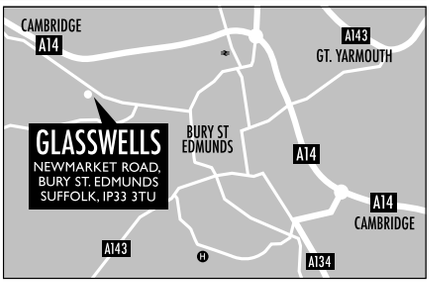

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CRIME

‘Scourge’ of drug abuse in county

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DRUG abuse hotspots across Cambridgeshire have been revealed – as police describe the crime as a “scourge”.

Figures recorded by Cambridgeshire Constabulary show that a total of 1,389 drug crimes were reported in the county from February, 2016 to January this year.

Police bosses have urged families to report drug crime and urged users to get help.

A police spokesman said: “We would encourage people to report any suspicions they have about drug dealing.

“Even if it does not result in an arrest, all the information we receive helps to build up the intelligence picture of where, when and who is committing crime.

“We would recommend Inclusion, the county’s drug and alcohol service, for help and support.

“They offer free and confidential support, advice and interventions to adults in Cambridge. For young people, there is Casus, the Cambridgeshire Child and Adolescent Substance Use Service”.

The spokesman added: “Drug dealing is a scourge on society that fuels other serious crime including burglary, robbery and anti-social behaviour and we are committed to catching and putting before the courts those involved in it.”

Cambridge South is the worst area for drug abuse with a total of 156 recorded incidents in an area which has a population of 62,000.

The area includes Cherry Hinton, Coleridge, Teversham, Romsey and the edges of the southern part of the city centre.

Cambridge city centre was in second place for drugs with 111 reports. It has a population of about 7,000.

In third place was Cambridge North and includes Arbury, King’s Hedges, Chesterton, Castle and part of the city centre.

It suffered a total of 106 drug crimes and has a population of about 60,000.

Huntingdon was in fourth place with 103 drug crimes and the nearby St Ives and Ramsey policing area was fifth with 74.

In sixth place was St Neots with 45 drug reports, followed by Ely North with 30.

Ely City was in eighth place with 26, followed by the Cambourne and Histon areas with 23 each. In tenth spot was Ely South with 16.

The most drug free area in Cambridgeshire was Sawston with a total of just 12 reported offences.

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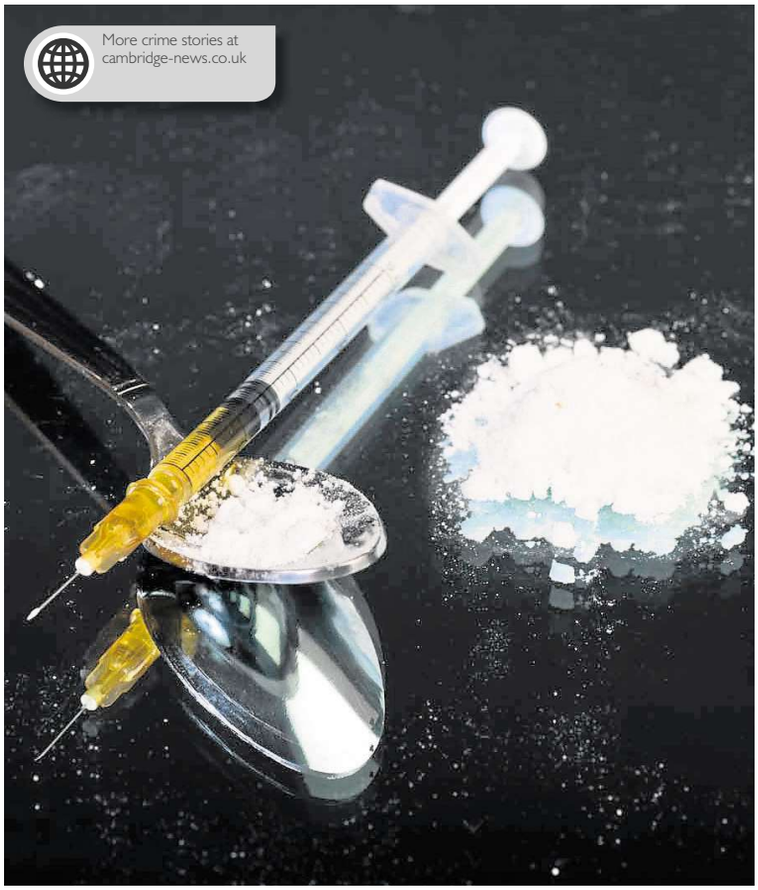

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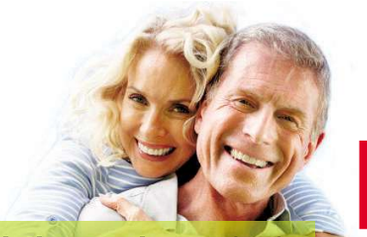

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JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3008 Box: 409715**

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SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel: 0906 515 3016 Box: 413399**

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EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3020 Box 421375**

JANE, attractive 50 something lady. I love to cook and care for my man. Is that you? ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427651**

TAMIKA, mature black beauty, hourglass figure and open minded. Pls call if you are discreet, broad minded and nice. I can travel and accommodate. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3004 Box 422365**

SONIA, mature lady, pretty and feminine with fair hair. Loves to socialise, walking, car boot sales and more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427647**

SAMANTHA, 35yrs, attractive brunette with own business, seeks adventurous gent for casual relationship. **Tel: 0906 515 3032 Box 425979**

JANE 55yrs romantic homely lady, hoping to meet a man for outings, to cook and care for. You won't be sorry if you call. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427645**

ATTRACTIVE Irish lady, 34yrs seek gent of any age. I'm caring, attractive with lots of offer, call to hear more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427637**

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HARRIETT 42yrs, blue eyed brunette with long lets and decent curves! Looking for a cheeky adventurous man for fun only. I live alone so can accommodate and can travel. Discretion assured. ACA. Give me a try. **Tel: 0906 515 3028 Box 426205**

HELLO I'm 47yrs old, I'm a curvy brunette, varied interests with GSOH, hard working and solvent. WLTM gent taller than me, 5ft3. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427639**

CARMEL, open minded naughty lady seeks a broad minded strict man to unleash her wilder side. Age/looks unimportant but no time wasters please. **Tel: 0906 515 3040 Box 426851**

CAROLINE, 42yrs, well educated, sophisticated "some call me posh" married lady, looking for no strings midweek liaisons. **Tel: 0906 515 3024 Box 427533**

PAMELA early 70s with softly rounded body! If you are a tender male with passion then call or text me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427635**

PIA, Asian lady, 57yrs, very caring and a little subservient and quiet. I am a good cook and loyal friend. Pls text me if you are kind man 55+ **Text Only. Mailbox 4013378**

HELLO I am a black lady, 60yrs young with a great personality and lovely looks. Call if you are looking to meet someone like me, or text me. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427585**

NATALIA, black beauty! I am late 50s but still fit with a good figure and lovely skin and eyes. I would like to meet a nice white gentleman, older than myself for chats, maybe more. **Text Only. Mailbox 4107799**

DEBBIE, young looking 49yrs, pretty brunette lady with lots to offer. If you are interested in a meeting a lady like me then please call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427611**

JULIE, 68yrs but very fit and young looking. Married to an older gent so hoping to meet someone much much younger. Text Me. **Text Only: 4193435**

MICHELLE, 28yrs blue eyed blonde with busty figure. I'm very mature for my age and hope to meet a man to care for. I'm willing to please. Call or text me and I will get straight back to you. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427649**

KAREN, late 50's seeking discreet gent any age/area for daytime meetings. **Text Only. Box: 4194757**

MICHELLE, divorced, 5ft10, blonde hair, blue eyes, autistic, likes the movies, DVDs, walking my dog, WLTM someone dark and mysterious who likes reading, playing games, cards. So hope to hear from you. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427325**

FELICITY, "my friends call me posh" I'm not really. Call me to see. I'm 58yrs, curvy, blonde extensions and very good for my age. ACA. **Text Only. Box: 4043583**

BECKY, 30 something lady. Full of laughter, very open minded and discreet. Hoping to meet similar minded gent who is older than me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427495**

JANET, late 40's divorcee, own home and car looking to spice up my life with some fun. Discreet men only please, I'm not ready for a full on relationship, casual chats. **Text Only. Box: 4189331**

MARGARET is in her 60s, she's young looking, blue-eyed blonde, kind, loving with lots of qualities. Seeking mature gent for mutual life's pleasures. Please call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427493**

CHRISTINE, young looking 43yrs, kind with lovely blue eyes. Genuine, loving. WLTM gent with GSOH, must be older than me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427491**

HELLO, I'm 58yrs and called Marie. I'm tall and seeking a man who likes to look at me. I am Black and very sensual. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427475**

JANE, mature blonde lady, loves jokes, countryside, driving, cosy nights in. I'm solvent and seek a gent 70+. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427473**

TALL slim lady 61yrs and of Irish origins. GSOH, likes travel, open minded and kind. Hoping to meet similar minded gent of any age. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427307**

THERESA, Irish lady, 70s, lives in Cambridge, solvent, N/S, N/drinker, loves walks especially along the beach, sun sets, nice food and travel, prepared to share all expenses, looking for a similar gent as a friend to share nice times with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427039**

male seeking

TALL, slim, caring, kind, 48-year-old guy, seeks Asian female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 426879**

OPEN minded, male, early 70s, seeks similar lady for friendship, days out, specials times and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 426669**

MALE, 72, smart, fit, enjoys life, country walks and the coast, pub lunches, fun to be with, seeks similar female, Cambridge/Suffolk/Norfolk areas preferred. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422995**

BLACK male, Caribbean descent, 6ft2, looking for female, any nationality, for relationship and lovely fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 426485**

HI ladies, I am Roy, 43, WLTM special person for LTR and cuddles etc. Likes music, TV and reading, get in touch please. **Text only. Mailbox: 5803037**

WIDOWER 49, 5ft 9ins, blonde/grey, medium build, looking for fun times with unhappy female, n/s/, any age/status, discretion assured. **Text only. Mailbox: 5784314**

GOOD looking athletic male, 30s, with brown hair/blue eyes seeks woman for fun times. **Text only. Mailbox: 5792232**

CHRIS, 49yrs honest gent seeks lady 45-55 for socialising, friendship, maybe leading to romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 425345**

BILL, 67yrs, 5ft 11ins, very fit and active, looking for a slim petite lady, reasonably attractive, 40-60, for friendship, probably leading to a relationship and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 426353**

DAVID, 70s, n/s, medium height/build, young at heart, kind and caring, seeks lady with time to share life's pleasures. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 425033**

MALE looking for a lady 40-60 yrs old who enjoys meals out and in, and snuggle up indoors with a bottle of wine. **Text only. Mailbox: 5444500**

TERRY, 51, very kind male, enjoys cinema, eating out, live concerts, travel, WLTM loving lady, 38-55, for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423945**

KIND male, 50s, enjoys cinema, eating out, live concerts, travel, WLTM loving lady, 38-54, n/s, to share interests and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 425795**

MALE 62 looking for a lady 45-55 for relationship must be kind, considerate and affectionate. I enjoy most things in life. **Text only. Mailbox: 5780167**

CARING loving guy looking for a lady to enjoy good times with. **Text only. Mailbox: 5783640**

MALE 60's kind and caring, GSOH, n/s, seeks similar female for lots of love laughter and happy times and hopefully LTR. **Text only. Mailbox: 4631948**

ANTHONY, still firing on all cylinders, non-drinker/smoker, but looking for that wild woman! Maybe that is you? **Text only. Mailbox: 5766252**

MALE 63, 5'10, med build, easy going, looking for female, 18-65, for adult and fun times. **Text only. Mailbox: 5561333**

MARTIN 59, GSOH, kind and caring, looking for a kind lady any age, looks not important. I am very romantic. **Text only. Mailbox: 5680076**

MALE, 70s, looking for a pretty girl who may be interested in adult fun & games, aged between 40-70. Must be broad-minded. **Text only. Mailbox: 5638536**

PETER, sincere solvent gent 70s seeks lady to wine dine, foreign travel, all expenses paid. I would love a traveling companion. Genuine advertiser. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 425343**

MALCOLM, 60 something gent, own hair and teeth, GSOH, genuine and Kind WLTM sincere lady to wine and dine. Please call. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 425335**

PROFESSIONAL gent, 44yrs, tall, attractive and genuine. Seeks genuine feminine lady for genuine romance. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 425333**

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WHITE male 65, looking for a female, married or single of any nationality for some genuine discreet adult fun. Any age. **Text only. Mailbox: 5669789**

BI guy 57 looking for bi guy or cd TV any age for friendship and fun. **Text only. Mailbox: 5614948**

YOUNG, lean, athletic male, seeks elderly gentleman for nice walks in the park. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420761**

SINGLE male, likes mopeds, seeks elderly gent for rides in the countryside. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415223**

MALE WLTM smart, mature CD/bi male for fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414667**

MATTHEW seeking nice elderly gent to spoil me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414739**

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Home with annexe

Five bedroom property includes swimming pool

Feature homes

Cover property – Witchford: £950,000

HARVEST House, an in-demand family home in Witchford, is now available to own at a guide price of £950,000.

The plot extends to a whopping 1.75 acres and has recently been updated and extended by the seller. Inside the property, accommodation includes a living room with terrace access, fitted kitchen/dining room opening to a conservatory, five bedrooms (including a master with en suite and balcony) and a family bathroom.

The property also has a self-contained annexe with open plan kitchen/living/bedroom area, plus an additional shower room.

Outside, there is a driveway with extensive parking at the front, with the rear garden laid to lawn with decked terrace and a lovely swimming pool.

Contact David Clark & Company on (01353) 665020.

Prickwillow: £335,000

THIS spacious detached house in Main Street, Prickwillow, is now available at a guide price of £335,000.

On the ground floor, accommodation includes a dining area, living room, cloakroom and a kitchen with integrated dishwasher, fridge/freezer, Rangemaster oven, grill and a five ring electric hob.

Upstairs, there are four bedrooms including a main bedroom with a dressing area and an en suite shower room. There is also a bathroom featuring a panel enclosed bath with shower over.

Outside, there's a stone/gravel frontage offering parking for several vehicles. To the rear is a garden predominantly laid to lawn with paved patio and timber shed, backing on to farmland.

Viewing is by arrangement with Pocock & Shaw on (01353) 668091.

Beware the silent killer

CARBON monoxide is a highly poisonous substance produced by the incomplete burning of carbon-based products.

This often happens when an appliance has been incorrectly fitted, badly repaired or poorly maintained. It can also occur if flues, chimneys and vents are blocked.

Many people do not realise that gas is not the only producer of carbon monoxide in the home. Care also needs to be taken if there is a wood burning stove, open fireplace or oil boiler in the property.

Rob Mills, of Platinum Properties, says landlords must provide all residential tenants, including those where only part of the property is residential such as a flat over a shop, with a battery-operated smoke alarm on every floor of their property used for living accommodation.

Landlords must also provide a carbon monoxide alarm in any room with a solid fuel heating appliance, like a wood-burning stove or coal fire. This includes any open fireplace that's not sealed off and is available to use. If a chimney is in use then it should be swept at least once a year. It is good practice to have a system in place for periodic checking of alarms and detectors, if the property has gas this is normally done when the service is carried out every year. If there is no gas in the property then the agent/landlord should check these when they carry out an inspection of the property.

ADVICE: Rob Mills of Platinum Properties

Therefore it is imperative that an agent/landlord does carry out their property inspections at least once a year. Any good agent/landlord would inspect in the first three months of any new tenancy and as long as this is satisfactory every six months thereafter.

Carbon monoxide is known as the silent killer, because you can't see it, taste it or smell it and it can kill quickly with no warning. Every year CO poisoning affects over 4,000 people in the UK.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, headaches, dizziness, nausea, breathlessness, collapse and loss of consciousness, are similar to the flu, food poisoning or a hangover. If symptoms only occur when at home, or if other people in the home experience the same symptoms at the same time, this could be an indication of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Warning signs in the home can be:

- lazy, yellow or orange flames – flames should be crisp and blue (note that some decorative-effect gas fires may burn with a yellow flame)
- dark staining on or around appliances
- pilot lights that frequently blow out
- increased condensation inside windows

Pymoor: £335,000

THIS detached three bedroom character home in Pymore Lane, Pymoor, is now available to own at a guide price of £335,000.

On the ground floor, accommodation includes a sitting room, which opens out to the rear terrace, garden room, dining room and an L shaped kitchen featuring fitted units and ample space for appliances.

Upstairs, there are three bedrooms, including a master with spectacular views over the original mill and countryside. Interior features are completed by a family bathroom with panel bath and bidet.

Outside, there is a driveway with gated access and a small lawned area to the front, with a large landscaped garden with terraced area to the rear.

Viewing is by arrangement with Pocock & Shaw on (01353) 668091.

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Stuntney £250,000

- An established semi-detached home
- Sitting room
- Kitchen/diner
- 3 Bedrooms and bathroom
- Good size rear garden
- Off road parking
- EPC C

Ely £210,000

- A modern first floor apartment
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking at the front
- EPC Band C
- Leasehold - approx 118 years remaining
- Monthly charges approx £70.00

Sutton O.I.R.O £150,000

- A modern spacious top floor apartment
- 2 Double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Open plan living with modern fitted kitchen
- Allocated parking space
- EPC C

Pymoor £325,000

- An individual character property set in rural hamlet
- Field views to front and rear
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Lounge with patio doors to garden
- Dining room with feature fire place
- Sun room
- 3 Bedrooms and family bathroom
- Fully enclosed garden to rear
- EPC Band F

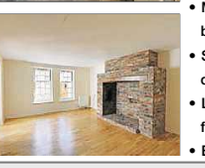
Haddenham £305,000

- A modern, non-estate detached bungalow
- Living room with fireplace and bow window
- 3 Bedrooms
- Separate dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- EPC Band E

Haddenham £250,000

- A detached character cottage
- Kitchen with breakfast area
- Ground floor bathroom
- Dining room
- Sitting room with feature fireplace and wood burning stove
- 2 Bedrooms and en suite to bedroom 1
- Driveway parking and private, enclosed 'cottage' garden
- EPC Band: tba

Ely £495,000



- Character Grade II Listed
- Former Coach house
- Centrally located
- 2 g/floor bedrooms
- Master f/floor bedroom
- Spacious kitchen/ diner
- Lounge with fireplace
- EPC Rating C

Littleport £220,000

- Semi detached cottage
- 2 Double bedrooms
- 2 Reception rooms
- Downstairs shower room
- Front and rear gardens
- Off road parking to rear
- Close to train station
- EPC tbc

Isleham £420,000

- An individual detached home
- Living room
- 2 conservatory reception rooms
- Study/bedroom 4
- Fitted kitchen
- 3/4 Bedrooms and bathroom with shower
- Private rear garden, terrace
- Gravel parking to front
- EPC Band D

Littleport £210,000

- Detached bungalow
- 2 Bedrooms
- Garaged and driveway
- Kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Garden to rear
- EPC D

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Ely Guide Price £785,000

A substantial detached home within the City Centre, superbly extended and modernised by the current owners to provide the ideal blend of both character and contemporary features. Entrance hall, superb 21' kitchen/dining room, family room, garden room, boot room, cloakroom, utility, spacious lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and Bathroom, gravelled driveway, garage, mature private gardens. EPR D.

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An exceptional 4 bedroom detached period home,sympathetically extended and restored by the current owners situated in delightful gardens of approximately 2.25 acres (sts) including the remains of the mill and located on the outskirts of Ely within easy reach of the City Centre, mainline railway station and new cinema complex. EPR D.

Wicken Guide Price £735,000

A unique opportunity to purchase a charming 4 bedroom period house incorporating a superb versatile new build 2-storey barn at the rear of the property with atrractive vews to the front aspect across a green towards the windmill and situated in a plot of approximately of 1/4 of an acre (STS) with delightful gardens, an extensive gravel driveway and double cart lodge with store. EPR F.

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Ely £775 pcm

A first floor 2 bedroom flat located in the heart of the City, close to the Cathedral. EPC rating: D

Ely £825 pcm

Redecorated three bedroom end terrace house in the City centre with large rear garden. EPC rating D

Ely £925 pcm

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Ely £1,100 pcm

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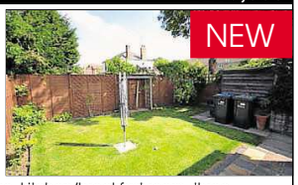
Soham £215,000



Semi detached house comprising Lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Enclosed rear garden. Garage and driveway. EPC rating tbc.

Soham £250,000

Sought after location. Rarely available. Three bedroom semi detached bungalow in need of modernisation. EPC rating C. No Chain.

Soham £349,995

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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4–2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ❑ Employer
- ❑ Inland revenue
- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
- ❑ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2–1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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Stretham £265,000

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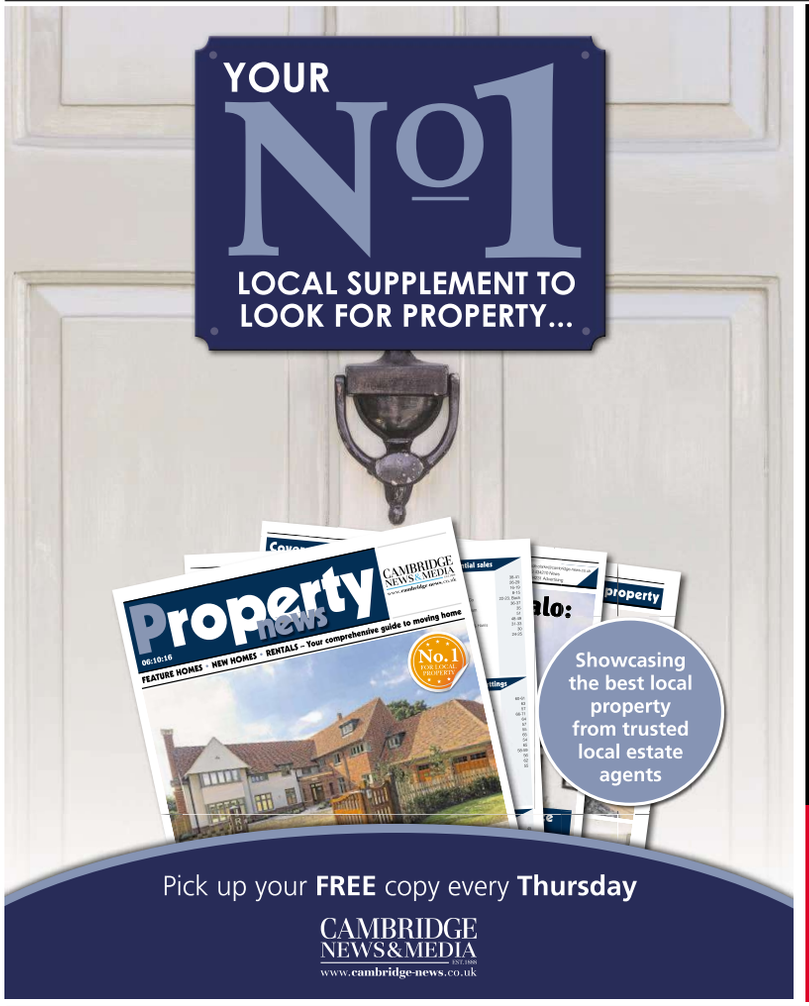

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BOOKSHELF

A survivor of the fittest

She's been bitten by snakes, threatened by lions and eaten bugs. Survivalist Megan Hine explains to **HANNAH STEPHENSON** what inspires her to take on dangerous challenges

A mountain leader, Megan has taken expeditions through the Himalayas and the Alps. She has worked with Bear Grylls for 10 years, and has just released her new book, Mind Of A Survivor

MEGAN HINE has had more hair-raising experiences in the world's harshest terrains, than all the celebs who've appeared on the reality TV survival shows she's worked on.

Megan, 32, is the woman who scouts locations for shows fronted by the likes of Bear Grylls, working out what is and isn't possible for series such as Man vs Wild, Mission Survive and The Island. She sets up stunts, attempts hazards before celebrities sign up, and leads expeditions for people wanting to test themselves to the limit.

Only a few weeks ago while rigging a stunt in Kenya, she was caught in crossfire between two tribes fighting over ownership of a herd of goats, and escaped by wading through a river awash with man-eating crocodiles.

On another occasion, she was packing away some expedition tents in Namibia when a scorpion dropped onto her ankle, stinging her twice. Megan recognised it as the most poisonous scorpion in the country, and knew if she panicked, her blood pressure would rise and the venom would do its damage quicker. She managed to keep calm until the expedition medic could hook her up to some life-saving intravenous antihistamine.

Last year in New Mexico, she was bitten by a snake. Had it been a coral snake medical help was too far away. Luckily, it was the similar-looking mountain king cobra – and she lived to tell the tale.

She has now written about her adventures in her new book, Mind Of A Survivor, which also explores the psychology of survival and the inspiration behind her chosen often-hazardous path, the joys of a life outdoors and the benefits of being pushed to your limits.

"One week, I'll be in a desert looking for water courses, the next in a jungle, wondering how we can get a shot of a presenter abseiling through a waterfall," she explains.

Megan is often asked how she feels when faced with a death-threatening situation.

"There's an underlying reason why my body and mind recover quickly from near-death encounters," she writes. "I accept that what I do is dangerous. I don't want to die, and I don't want to be severely injured, but I understand that what I do for a living comes with a lot of risk."

As a mountain leader, she was taking expeditions in the Alps and Himalayas when she was invited to work with Bear Grylls on his Man vs Wild show around 10 years ago.

"It's amazing working with him," she enthuses. "Right from the start, he made me feel like part of the team. At the time of our first shoot, I was living in my van in Chamonix. When he found out he sent me this massive box of down jackets and warm clothing.

"That is who he is. It was really lovely and I've been part of his team ever since. It's just incredible and such an amazing experience."

She may not have wrapped herself in a seal's carcass to keep warm, as Grylls has, but she has certainly eaten some pretty disgusting things in the wild.

"I know some people would be grossed out at the thought of eating bamboo worms or maggots or mealworms, but that's stuff I would eat on an expedition.

"The worst and most distressing thing I've eaten is a Philippine delicacy called balut, which is a fertilised egg with a little chicken inside it. You have to boil it and then you eat it. It's a bit gamey.

"I don't know what it is about it, I think it's the little chick's massive head and tiny body and its huge eyes. That really gets me every time. I find it quite slimy. When you bite into its head, it kind of explodes."

Canterbury-born Megan, who spends a lot of time in North Wales when she's not in the wild, grew up in the outdoors. Her father was a geologist and there was a lot of hiking, exploring forests and climbing mountains during family holidays.

She took a degree in outdoor education and pursued mountaineering, taking parties on expeditions. She even met her partner, Stani, who does a similar job, when they were both guiding expeditions in the Arctic.

"Now we are fortunate we can work together," she says.

Although she says she doesn't think much about retaining a feminine side, spending most of her time in outdoor clothing, she admits she does like to glam up from time to time.

"I do love occasionally getting dressed up, putting on a dress and make-up and going out. That's what is so cool about being female and doing what I'm doing."

Her hectic schedule includes challenging team-building adventures, working with young people, guiding school groups into extraordinary environments or showing young entrepreneurs different ways to build their resilience and coping strategies.

Away from work, she finds it hard to switch off. "Considering the things I see and deal with on a daily basis, when I come back, I find it harder and harder to do mundane things like my taxes.

"I unwind by mountain biking and climbing, when my brain is totally on the trail of what I'm doing and I can leave everything behind."

She has, inevitably, sustained various injuries over the years.

"I've had minor breaks, strains and things. My pelvis at the moment is unstable because I took a fall off a cliff on a job and knocked my pelvis out. But I seem to be a magnet for bugs.

"I've had malaria and Lyme disease. Those things and random bugs take weeks to shake off, but you're not really sure what they are, those are my biggest worries."

And her worst fear?

Scaling death-defying rock faces, perhaps, or battling man-eating crocs, venomous snakes or other poisonous critters?

No.

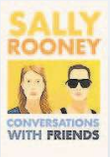
"I actually get terrified about flying in helicopters. That's the time I struggle to control my emotions."

■ Mind Of A Survivor by Megan Hine is published by Coronet, priced £18.99.

LATEST TITLES

CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS by Sally Rooney, Faber & Faber, £14.99 (ebook £8.03)

★★★★★



CONVERSATIONS With Friends is 25-year-old Sally Rooney's debut novel. It is the gripping story of 21-year-old Frances and her increasingly complicated friendships.

Frances is an aspiring writer/poet, living, but defiantly not working, in Dublin, with her friend (and sometimes girlfriend) Bobbi. It establishes the importance of female friendship, the consuming nature of first love and loves, and the difficulty of navigating your way through your 20s.

Frances embarks on an affair with a married man, but Rooney'doesn't pass judgement. She has littered the novel with references to modern popular culture – at times it reads like a hipster Mills and Boon.

It is an addictive read and an exceptional introduction.

THE WOOLGROWER'S COMPANION by Joy Rhoades, Chatto & Windus, £12.99 (ebook £7.99).

★★★★★

IN her debut, Joy Rhoades – a lawyer-turned-writer now living in London – uses her memories of her grandmother's sheep farm to create this pastoral romance.

The story begins in January 1945 and moves through the final months of World War II. It's an easy-to-read tale of Australian rural life and family drama.

The protagonist, Kate, is not always easy to like, but we sympathise with her as she copes on a remote sheep farm with an absentee, soldier husband and an ailing, war veteran father.

Kate relies on a tatty copy of The Woolgrower's Companion, a difficult farm manager and his orphaned nephew, two Italian POWs and an aboriginal maid.

As Kate battles to save the farm from the bank, there are misunderstandings, hidden treasure, forbidden love and a disturbing secret.

Rhoades paints a vivid picture of the Australian bush, the strict social code, snobbery and racism.

BOOKS CHART

1. The World's Worst Children Two: David Walliams (right)
2. The Dry: Jane Harper
3. Hot Milk: Deborah Levy
4. The Power: Naomi Alderman
5. The Five Realms – The Legend of Podkin One-Ear: Kieran Larwood
6. Cooking for Family and Friends: Joe Wicks
7. Hillbilly Elegy: JD Vance
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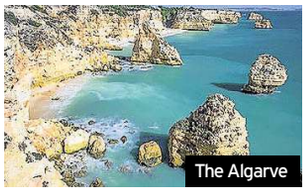
CUT YOUR HOLIDAY COSTAS

IF you are planning a self-catering holiday to cut costs this year head to the Spanish Islands or Portugal's Algarve, according to a report out today.

Post Office Travel Money and Monarch Holidays surveyed the cost of a weekly family shop in 10 European destinations and found big differences for 15 typical food and drink staples, like bread, butter, beer and wine.

The cheapest destination proved to be Majorca where the shopping basket of self-catering basics came to £31.91 – 5% less than in the Algarve (£33.65), runner-up in the survey.



The Algarve

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Take New York in

Exploring the bustling Big Apple is a walk in the park for **JANE HAASE** and family

IF, like me, you are obsessed with getting in your recommended 10,000 steps a day, a trip to New York will have you chomping at the Fitbit. It is the perfect city for walking around.

We averaged about 25,000 steps a day on our family holiday to the Big Apple earlier this month, as we took in famous sights like the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge and Central Park. But as you are pounding the pavement, don't forget to look up and admire those towering structures scraping the sky.

My husband and I had visited New York pre-children, more than 20 years ago, but this was a first for James, 13 and Nina, 11. Would they be as blown away as we were when we landed in the fabulously frenetic city?

We spent the first part of our stay in Downtown Manhattan, the famed financial district, and our hotel was just a stone's throw from where the Twin Towers once stood. Poignantly they feature on our holiday snaps from that earlier visit, but following the terror attacks of 9/11, two huge water features now fill that void, serving as a memorial.

It's quite peaceful to stand quietly, listening to the steady cascade of water as you read the names of those who died engraved on the walls of the reflecting pools.

In recent years, a large part of the downtown area has been developed with a Westfield shopping centre and a swish upmarket retail complex Brookfield Place, which boasts high-end designer shops such as Gucci, Burberry and Saks Fifth Avenue. There are also fancy offices and restaurants, and it's a great spot for eating al fresco.

We did just that on our first day, munching on lobster rolls and sipping a glass of wine while watching the sun glinting on the Hudson River as boats chugged up and down.

We were staying at the Conrad New York, part of the Hilton group, in the heart of Lower Manhattan in Battery Park City.

It has a jaw-dropping lobby area with a 100x80 foot contemporary artwork made up of royal blue and vibrant purple swirls snaking up one side of the huge atrium. It all feels very cool and modern, and it boasts a fabulous rooftop bar offering spectacular views over the nearby Hudson River which made it the perfect place for an early evening drink.

On the ground floor is the Atrio wine bar and restaurant where the children had THE best chocolate chip pancakes for breakfast.

The stunning lobby at the Conrad New York. Picture by Evan Joseph Images

The Conrad's rooftop bar. Picture by @ Mark Louis Weinberg

Our suite was luxurious and comfortable, in muted brown and oak shades, with specially commissioned artwork on the walls and the comfiest hotel bed I have ever slept in.

The Conrad New York is a great location for exploring downtown, and right near the One World Trade Center which, at 1,776ft, is the tallest building in the western hemisphere, so there's no excuse for getting lost.

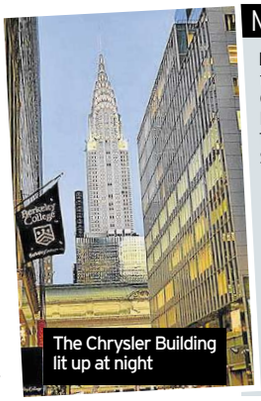
A guided tour is a good way of getting to grips with an area quickly so we climbed on board The Ride NYC Downtown Experience (it also has a midtown one), a big coach with theatre-style seating and floor-to-ceiling windows so you can look out onto the streets as you hear their history. It's an interactive tour and at intervals we donned virtual reality headsets where we saw the amazing views from the One World Observatory, or felt as though we were witnessing the Wall Street Crash of 1929 first-hand. There was even some live performance thrown in with a moving tribute to 9/11 from an actor on the street dressed as a city worker.

After our tour we boarded the free ferry that commuters take to Staten Island and back so we could get as close as we could to the Statue of Liberty without a journey to Liberty island itself.

Another fantastic photo opportunity is to walk the Brooklyn Bridge. It takes about 20-25 minutes to make the journey on the pedestrian walkway across the iconic landmark and the views of Manhattan from Brooklyn Bridge Park are fantastic. Again this area has been developed with restaurants and apartments and plenty of places to chill out and just soak up those views.

From the relative peace and quiet of downtown we were greeted by a cacophony of beeping car horns as we arrived in midtown for the second part of our stay – but this is, after all, the buzz you expect from the city which famously never sleeps.

Our base was the Roger Smith Hotel, smack bang in the centre of midtown, based on Lexington Avenue and within walking distance of must-see sights such as Times Square, the Chrysler Building, Tiffany's and Bloomingdale's.



The Chrysler Building lit up at night

NEED TO KNOW

■ **JANE HAASE** and family were guests at the Conrad New York, 102 North End Avenue, NY 10282. Rooms start from $249 (approx £195) per night. See conradnewyork.com or call +1 (212) 945-0100.

■ Rooms at the Roger Smith Hotel, 501 Lexington Avenue, NY 10017, start from $200 (approx £156), plus taxes for a Standard Room (rogersmith.com).

■ The New York CityPASS costs $122 (£94) per adult, $98 (£76) per child and provides free entry to six attractions and/or museums: Empire State Building Experience; American Museum of Natural History; The Metropolitan Museum of Art; Top of the Rock® Observation Deck OR Guggenheim Museum; The National September 11 Memorial & Museum OR the Intrepid, Sea, Air & Space Museum; Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island OR Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises. To book, see citypass.com/new-york

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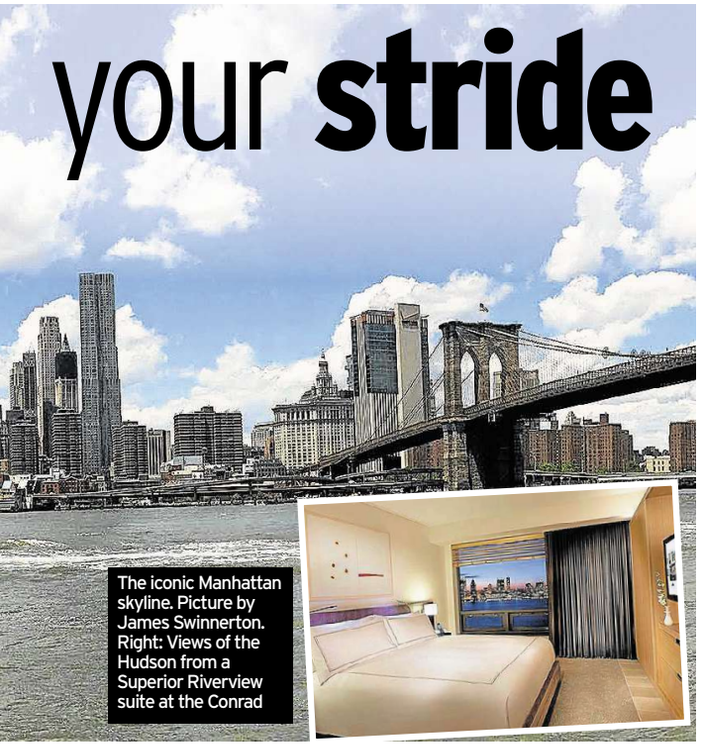

The iconic Manhattan skyline. Picture by James Swinnerton. Right: Views of the Hudson from a Superior Riverview suite at the Conrad

The Roger Smith Hotel, midtown

A suite at the Roger Smith

This family-owned hotel has been around for 80 years and it really does feel like a home from home with individually designed rooms, comfy sofas and quirky furniture.

Our suite was large and comfortable with a TV, fridge, microwave and espresso machine. Our huge bathroom had funky Picasso-like style design on the walls and the hotel likes to showcase public art in its lobby and bar. It also has a small roof top bar, a great spot for a drink on a hot New York night. There is no restaurant but the hotel will order take out for you. Not that you need to with a multitude of restaurants and cuisines on your doorstep.

New York isn't cheap with the pound weak against the dollar, but you can pick up breakfast from a deli for a few dollars and Nina, who can be a fussy eater abroad, loved digging into authentic NY bagels, pizza, burgers and hanger steaks.

We were in New York for five and a half days and wanted to make the most of them, without wasting time in queues.

New York CityPASSes are a great option and include tickets to all the main tourist spots so you don't have to buy the tickets when you get to busy attractions like the Empire State Building, although there is still an entrance queue.

Our CityPasses included a return bonus visit the same day after 10pm to see the iconic landmark illuminated at night, but I preferred the wonderful views from the less crowded Top of the Rock observation deck at the Rockefeller Center. I even saw someone being proposed to – and she did say yes.

Our CityPASSes also offered a river cruise and we went for the thrill ride option. Bouncing along the Hudson River towards the Statue of Liberty, at speeds of up to 45mph to a thumping pop soundtrack on the Beast speedboat, with spray on our faces was a real highlight.

Nina and James spy the Statue of Liberty

We packed a lot in strolling the sidewalks of this fantastic city and New York certainly stepped up to the mark as a top family destination.

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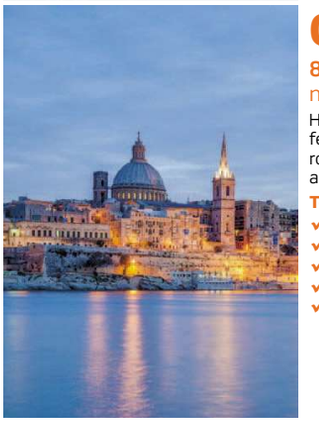

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Whisper it – the new Mazda CX-5

MAZDA is launching a stealth attack on the premium SUV sector with its latest CX-5, taking over from the model that was the company's biggest seller in the UK.

And the way you convince people your car is a class act is to make it quieter, says the company aiming to take sales away from the likes of VW and, whisper it, even Audi.

So the new car is heavier than the old one, in a world where brownie points are won by making cars lighter, because so much extra sonic deadening has been applied.

Nearly 50kg, to be precise, or the weight of two extremely heavily loaded suitcases. And what a difference it makes, adding instant hush to a cabin that generates so little racket at speed you might never raise your voice again.

This hush-hush push is one of the ways you'll tell new CX-5 from old, and so is the body shape, although you might need to pose both versions side by side to notice.

Every exterior panel has been changed but Mazda has been understandably careful to preserve the lines of a car that sold partly because it looked so good in the first place.

It still does, but with thinner LED headlights and sharper creases adding a touch of classy drama.

Inside, all is changed too but Mazda has kept the sense of order you feel in its all its cars, so there is a lot of nicely applied blackness, set off a little by a dash insert that looks like the viciously expensive layering of a Japanese knife.

It works well and, yes, adds to the premium feel Mazda is keen to sprinkle on the newcomer.

Adding class has added to the bottom line too, with prices now starting at £23,695 for a slow selling petrol version, a £200 lift.

The likely biggest seller, the diesel CX-5 with 150 horsepower engine and front-wheel drive is up £900 and now costs from £25,695.

The range tops out at £33,195 for a 175 horsepower car with automatic gears and all-wheel drive in Sport trim.

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LOADED: Will it be the XF Sportbrake estate, front, or saloon

A SLEEK and sporty estate car is joining the Jaguar line up with the arrival of an all-new XF Sportbrake.

The luxury load lugger will be on the road in November adding another string to Jaguar's booming range of activity vehicles spearheaded by the top selling F-PACE SUV.

Unveiled at a star-studded premiere in London by tennis ace Andy Murray, the new Sportbrake will be priced from £34,910 – some £2,500 more than the XF saloon but slightly cheaper than the previous model.

Powered by a 2.0-litre 163ps Ingenium diesel engine capable of 62.8mpg, the rear-wheel-drive estate is Britain's alternative to the likes of the new BMW 5 Series Touring.

With a cargo capacity of 565 litres stretching to a maximum of 1,700 litres, the new Sportbrake offers more load space than before, on a par with the new Beemer and bettered on that front only by the Mercedes E-Class and Volvo V90.

Styled to impress, the new XF Sportbrake is a fraction shorter than the original model launched in 2012 but wider, higher and with a longer wheelbase.

That adds up to more room inside, especially in the rear where there is much more head and legroom than before and, with a huge panoramic glass roof, the Jaguar's cabin has a spectacular ambience.

Luxury touches include 10 different colours for the onboard "mood" lighting and a gesture control which operates the retractable roof blind at the wave of a hand.

Another so-called gesture function opens the electrically powered tailgate where the cargo area can be extended in seconds at the pull of two levers to accommodate items up to two metres in length – enough to take a mountain bike or even a fridge-freezer.

With a low load lip and a wide, flat boot floor the Sportbrake scores highly on the practical front and the car is available with Jaguar's Activity Key, a weatherproof wristband allowing outdoor enthusiasts the freedom of not having to carry the key fob when out in the wilds.

Five engines will be offered in the UK – four diesel and one petrol – with all-wheel-drive available on most.

Emissions range from 118g/km to 155 and the range toppers will have either 300ps 3.0-litre V6 diesels or 250ps 2.0-litre turbo petrol engines both capable of 0 to 60mph in less than seven seconds.

Self levelling air suspension is fitted to maintain the ride height under all conditions and the Sportbrake also makes use of Jaguar Land Rover's All Surface Progress Control system to give added traction in poor weather or rough terrain.

The Sportbrake can also be fitted with an automatically retractable towbar and has a towing limit of two tonnes – sufficient to pull a horsebox or a jet ski.

As such it makes a fine fist of blending luxury, performance and practicality making the Sportbrake a classy alternative to premium SUVs.

At the front, the car is identical to the XF saloon and although the same length, the estate treatment has accentuated its lines with a flowing roofline, a subtle spoiler at the top of the tailgate and slightly pronounced haunches over the rear wheel arches giving the Sportbrake a powerful poise.

Onboard technology includes the Jaguar Touch Pro system which offers full connectivity, WiFi, access to remote control Apps and a sat-nav set up that is smart enough to deliver an interactive view of your destination as the car nears journey's end.

The car is even fitted with an advanced climate control that ionises the air inside the cabin, boosting the feel-good factor.

Built at Jaguar's factory in Castle Bromwich alongside the XF saloon, the XE, XJ and the F-Type sports car, the new Sportbrake will have its public debut at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September.

Prior to that it will be touring Britain as part of Jaguar's run-up to being official vehicle supplier for this year's Wimbledon Championships which run from July 3 to 16.

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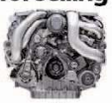

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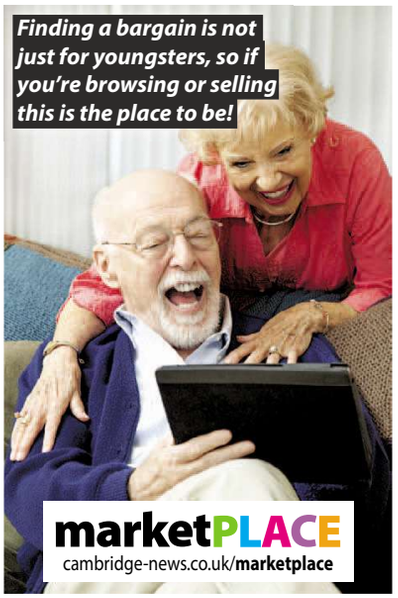

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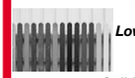

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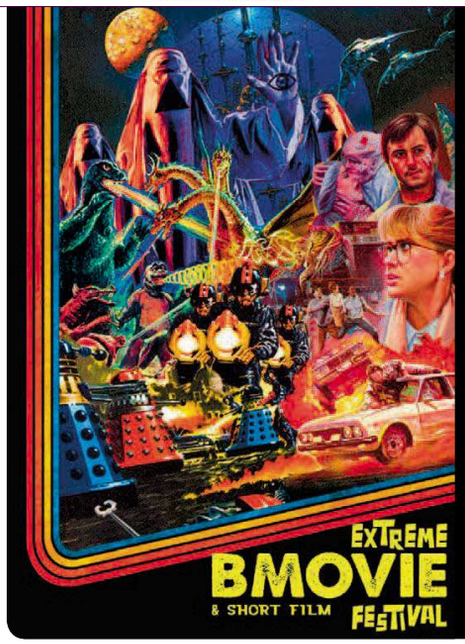

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Sutton (Ely) Footpaths 7, 9 and 16, Sutton; Footpath 5, Mepal; and Downham Footpath 24, Little Downham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE)
ORDER 2017/414

Is to stop any pedestrian from proceeding along Sutton (Ely) Footpaths 7, 9 and 16, Sutton; Footpath 5, Mepal; and Downham Footpath 24, Little Downham as lies between Chatteris Footpath 7 and Earith Footpath 9; Haddenham Footpath 24 and Mepal Footpath 7; Sutton (Ely) Footpath 8 and Sutton (Ely) Footpath 7; and Manea Footpath11 and Manea Footpath 10 respectively.

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ORDER 2017/302

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Low Road, Burwell as lies between Hythe Lane and Laburnum Lane.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Low Road – Parsonage Lane – B1102 – The Causeway – Hythe Lane and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate water connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 11 July 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 10 January 2018 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 11 July and 13 July 2017.

City Road, Littleport
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/328

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along City Road, Littleport as lies between White Hart Lane and Station Road.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Station Road – White Hart Lane and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate water connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 11 July 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 10 January 2018 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 11 July and 13 July 2017.

Station Road, Littleport
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ORDER 2017/329

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Station Road, Littleport as lies between points 20m either side of the railway bridge.

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Chatteris Road, Mepal
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ORDER 2017/368

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The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate bridge joint replacement and associated works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 24 July 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 23 January 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 24 July and 5 August 2017.

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
&
(TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF NO ENTRY)
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ORDER 2017/392

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King's Ely riders trot to championship success

Equestrian

KING'S Ely riders have qualified for the National Schools Equestrian Association's National Championship.

The team, including Ryan Shaw, Ellie Grimsey and George Hearn, entered into the show jumping qualifier for the NSEA National Championship in both the 70 and 80cm classes, finishing second in the former, to book themselves a place at the competition that takes place in Addington, Bucks, in October.

The trio were involved in a final a few months ago at 70cms and, over the course of 17 jumps, came sixth overall.

The achievement is even more impressive as it was only the three of them competing when usually the top three scores are taken from teams of four.

Holmes and Golding are on hot form

Cycling

THE heatwave did not stop Ely & District/B&T Motor Repairs Cycling Club members producing some impressive rides over the weekend.

The Victoria CC 10 was held on Saturday morning on the E1/10A course.

Alison Holmes finished in a time of 28min 50sec to record a course PB time, while husband Martin crossed the line to finish in 24.48,

Sunday saw Phil Gosling and Rob Golding take part in the ECCA 100 mile TT on the A11/A14.

In the soaring heat it was Golding who produced the quickest time of the two, posting a new club record of 3hr, 44min 10sec, while Gosling finished in 3:58:23 to record a new PB for the distance.

Also on Sunday was the fifth round of the Mud, Sweat & Gears MTB Series, held at Phoenix Cycleworks at Kentford, Newmarket.

In the Sports Male Race, first place, with a gap of 1min 21sec to second place and the fourth fastest lap of the day, went to Matt Eley.

Mikie Burrell was 19th, while Gordon Hollingworth finished in 18th place in the veterans and John McAndrew was fourth in the grand veterans setting some strong laps times and only just missing out on a podium finish.

Francesca Rust was second in the open female race, finishing just 15 seconds behind the leader.

The open male category saw a 21st-place finish for Gary Fleet in a field of over 80 riders.

There was a DNF for Mark Sinden in the under-12 boys' race. Oliver Sinden was 23rd, while there was unfortunately also a DNF for Charlie Fleet.

Speedway

Fen Tigers on back foot in quarter-final

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MILDENHALL are left chasing a 10-point deficit in their Knockout Cup quarter-final tie with Stoke after throwing away a lead in the final stages of Saturday's away first leg, losing 50-40.

The Fen Tigers wrestled the initiative from the Potters in heat 10 of a tight contest when Jordan Jenkins stormed past David Wallinger and Mitchell Davey to join Jon Armstrong for a 5-1 maximum that opened up a two-point gap, 31-29.

But Stoke immediately levelled the scores, and then slammed home back-to-back 5-1s and a 4-2 in the last three heats to record a decent lead that leaves the clash perfectly balanced for the return leg on July 9.

The only other time Mildenhall dropped points was in heat three when Wallinger and Ryan Terry-Daley paired to keep out Armstrong for a 5-1 after Jenkins had fallen having got himself in front.

A brace of wins each for Connor Mountain and Dan Halsey kept them on the Potters' tails for the first nine races, but the duo was to be out-matched in heat 13 when Davey and Luke Priest combined for the first of three home advantages in the finale.

Mildenhall promoter Kevin Jolly said: "I was disappointed in the last three heats in how it fell away. They should have done a bit more for themselves.

"There's still a good chance we can turn it around but they've backed themselves into a corner where the pressure is on."

Stoke – Priest 15 (6 rides), Davey 11+3 (6), Terry-Daley 10+2 (5), Wallinger 9+1 (5), Spooner 5+1 (4), Tedham 0 (4).

Mildenhall – Mountain 11 (5), Halsey 10 (5), Armstrong 8 (5), Verge 7+3 (7), Jenkins 3+2 (4), Whitmore 1 (4).

Mildenhall's home league fixture against Isle of Wight on Sunday was postponed an hour before its 3pm scheduled start following a power failure in the West Row area.

The power cut, which started at 10am, had affected 60 houses and the stadium, which relies on electricity to power the starting tapes, race lights and warnings managed by the referee.

UK Power Networks reported it was due to be restored by 5.30pm.

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